

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 – 3 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A digital-audio-signal recording apparatus, comprising:

- a storage section storing digital audio data;
- a write section that writes data on a disk-shaped storage medium; and
- a control section that, when a write operation is to be performed by said write section for writing the digital audio data, stored on said storage section, to the disk-shaped medium, first performs control such that the digital audio data stored on said storage section ~~can not~~ cannot be accessed by ~~any processing~~ a data retrieval operation other than said write operation, then causes said write section to write the digital audio data to the disk-shaped storage medium, and then erases the digital audio data from said storage section after completion of the writing of the digital audio data to the disk-shaped storage medium, wherein file management information on said storage section corresponding to said written digital audio data is updated to reflect the write operation performed.

2. (Currently Amended) A digital-audio-signal recording apparatus, comprising:

- a storage section storing digital audio data, said storage section also storing first information for managing presence of the digital audio data and second information for limiting access to the digital audio data;
- a write section that writes data on a disk-shaped storage medium; and
- a control section that, when a write operation is to be performed by said write section for writing the digital audio data, stored on said storage medium, to the disk shaped storage medium, first rewrites said second information into content such that the digital audio data stored on the storage section ~~can not~~ cannot be accessed by ~~any processing~~ a data retrieval operation other than

said write operation, then causes said write section to write the digital audio data to the disk-shaped storage medium, and after completion of the writing to the digital audio data to the disk-shaped storage medium, rewrites said first information into content such that the presence of the digital audio data is invalidated file management information on said storage section corresponding to said written digital audio data is updated to reflect the write operation performed.

3. (Currently Amended) A digital-audio-signal recording apparatus, comprising:

- a storage section storing digital audio data;
- a write section that writes data on a disk-shaped storage medium;
- a control section that, when a write operation is to be performed by said write section for writing the digital audio data, stored on said storage section, to the disk-shaped medium, first evaluates the status of an erasure state flag and if the erasure state flag is not indicative of an erased state, sets ~~[[an]]~~ the erasure state flag within file management information to ~~[[an]]~~ the erased state without erasing the file management information on said storage section, such that the digital audio data stored on said storage section ~~can not~~ cannot be ~~accessed~~ retrieved by any processing operation other than said write operation, then causes said write section to write the digital audio data to the disk-shaped storage medium, and then erases the digital audio data from said storage section after completion of the writing of the digital audio data to the disk-shaped storage medium, the file management information on said storage section corresponding to the written digital audio data being updated to reflect the write operation performed.